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SUBJ: NEW GOVERNMENT OF SURINAM APPOINTED

REF: PARAMARIBO 459

1. SUMMARY. A NEW GOVERNMENT OF SURINAM HAS BEEN FORMED, WITH PARTY REPRESENTATION AS REPORTED IN REFTEL. IT IS A GOVERNMENT OF POLITICIANS RATHER THAN OF EXPERTS AS HAD BEEN THE ORIGINAL AIM. AS BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND FINANCE MINISTER, GOVERNMENT FORMATEUR AARON IS IN AN EXCEPTIONALLY POWERFUL POSITION ALTHOUGH HIS INTENTION APPARENTLY IS TO RELINQUISH THE FINANCE POSITION WHEN A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE CAN BE FOUND. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DECEMBER 23 CABINET FORMATEUR ARRON REPORTED HIS CABINET NOMINATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR. THE NEW CABINET IS SCHEDULED TO BE OFFICIALLY SEATED DECEMBER 24. THE APPOINTMENTS FOLLOWS:

3. NPS

A. MINISTER PRESIDENT; MINISTER OF GENERAL AFFAIRS - HENK ARRON.

B. FINANCE - HENK ARRON.

C. DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND DECENTRALIZATION; VICE MINISTER

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PRESIDENT - OLTON VAN GENDEREN.

D. PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT - ACHMED KARAMAT ALI.
E. DEVELOPMENT - MICHEL CAMBRIDGE.
F. MINISTER OF EDUCATION - RONALD VENETIAAN.O

4. PNR

A. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS - EDUARD BRUMA.
B. JUSTICE AND POLICE - EDDY HOOST.
C. LABOR AND HOUSING - FRITS FRIJMERSUM.

5. PSV

A. INTERNAL AFFAIRS - CORNELIS OOF.
B. PUBLIC HEALTH - MICHEL BRAHIM.

6. KTI

A. AGRICULTURE - WILLY SOEMITA.
B. SOCIAL AFFAIRS - ANDRE SOEPERMAN.

7. ARRON'S DECISION TO KEEP FINANCE PORTFOLIO IS DUE TO
INABILITY TO FIND A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE WHO WOULD ACCEPT JOB.
IN ORDER NOT TO FURTHER DELAY CABINET FORMATION ARRON WILL
TEMPORARILY FILL THE POSITION UNTIL A PERMANENT INCUMBENT
CAN BE FOUND.

8. ARRON'S ORIGINAL INTENTION TO FORM A GOVERNMENT OF EXPERTS
RATHER THAN POLITICIANS HAS BEEN SHELVED, LARGELY DUE TO REALIZATION
BY LEADERS OF NPK-COALITION THAT SURINAM *S ENTERING A DIFFICULT
PERIOD WHICH WILL REQUIRE HARD DECISIONS, AND THAT SUCH DECISIONS
CAN BEST BE MADE AND CARRIED THROUGH BY MINISTERS WITH POLITICAL
WEIGHT. AS A RESULT OF PUTTING MOST NPK POLITICAL LEADERS IN
CABINET THE NPK DELEGATION IN THE STATEN IS LEFT WITH LITTLE
EXPERIENCE AND NO POLITICAL LEADERS, EXCEPT PSV CHAIRMAN EMILE
WIJNTUEN, WHO PROBABLY WILL MOVE INTO STATEN CHAIRMANSHIP
VACATED BY VAN GENDEREN.

9. ELEVATION OF SOME STATEN MEMBERS TO CABINET CAUSED PNR'S
STATEN DELEGATION TO INCREASE BY ONE SEAT, TO FIVE. KTI STATEN
MEMBERS DROPPED FROM 2 TO 1.
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